

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).
2. (New) A portable lamp assembly, comprising:
 - multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps;
 - multiple switches coupled to the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps, respectively, wherein the multiple switches control the multiple PL fluorescent lamps independently;
 - ballast circuitry configured to generate regulated power, wherein the regulated power is selectively provided to the multiple fluorescent lamps by the multiple switches wherein the ballast circuitry is a solid state ballast circuitry adapted to provide regulated power to start and operate the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including multiple twin tube PL lamps with integral starters;
 - a housing that defines a gripping surface to permit a user to hold the lamp assembly and the lamp cavity and wherein the housing further defines a space interior to the gripping surface which is sized to securely receive and retain the ballast circuitry and wherein the lamp cavity receives the plurality of multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and wherein the multiple switches are interposed between the gripping surface and the lamp cavity such that the user can activate the switches while holding the gripping surface.
3. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, wherein the fluorescent lamps are twin tube bulbs.
4. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, wherein the ballast circuitry comprises:
 - a full wave rectifier;
 - a bi-directional diode; and
 - a pair of transistors that alternately conduct to generate the regulated power.
5. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, further comprising a housing with a handle, wherein the handle encloses a circuit board for mounting and interconnecting components in the ballast circuitry.
6. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 5, wherein the multiple switches are interposed between the circuit board and the multiple fluorescent lamps.

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7. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, further comprising a hook configured to hang the hand-held fluorescent lamp assembly from other objects.

8. (New) The lamp assembly of Claim 13, wherein the multiple switches are two-pole electrical switches.